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Summary

11. (SBU) The DCM chaired a meeting of the core Emergency Action Committee (EAC) on February 15 to review the Embassy's security posture prior to the local holiday weekend. Members noted no substantive changes in the local security environment since the last meeting (reftel), and agreed that the Embassy's already heightened security posture and force protection condition (FPCON) remain appropriate. End Summary.

Security Environment

12. (SBU) On February 15, the DCM chaired a meeting of the core EAC to review the Embassy's security posture prior to the local holiday weekend. The meeting opened with a discussion of the local security situation, which the EAC continued to characterize as stable. Likewise, the EAC noted no/no new threat reporting specific to Oman.

Upcoming Events and Vigilance

13. (SBU) The EAC also discussed upcoming holiday weekend events, including a "Family Day" to be held at the Embassy, and a community dinner that will be hosted by the Muscat Employee Association. RSO confirmed that appropriate security measures will be in place. In addition, ARSO reminded all members of the EAC to continue reinforcing to both their staffs and family members the need for vigilance regarding all aspects of personal security over the holiday weekend - to include maintaining a low profile, and remaining unpredictable and situationally aware. ARSO further re-emphasized the importance of immediately reporting all suspicious activity or security-related incidents to Post One.

EAC Conclusion

14. (S/NF) The EAC concluded that there have been no substantive changes in the local security environment since the last meeting held on February 11 (reftel). Accordingly, members agreed that the Embassy's already heightened security posture and FPCON remain appropriate. Embassy Muscat remains acutely aware of the need to monitor both the regional and local security and threat environments, and is prepared to take the necessary countermeasures should changes to either occur. DCM, P/E, MGT, RSO, ARSO, SIMO, PAO, CONS, DAO, and Duty Officer participated in the meeting. BALTIMORE